camden
south carolina

"A Well Balanced Community"

Camden and Kershaw County offers you these. . .

9 industrial advantages

1. Plentiful, Willing Labor
2. Mild, Healthy Climate
3. A Wealth of Natural Resources
4. Cooperative City and County Government
5. Water in Abundance
6. Excellent Transportation Facilities
7. Nearness to Markets
8. Lower Cost Construction
9. Low Cost Power

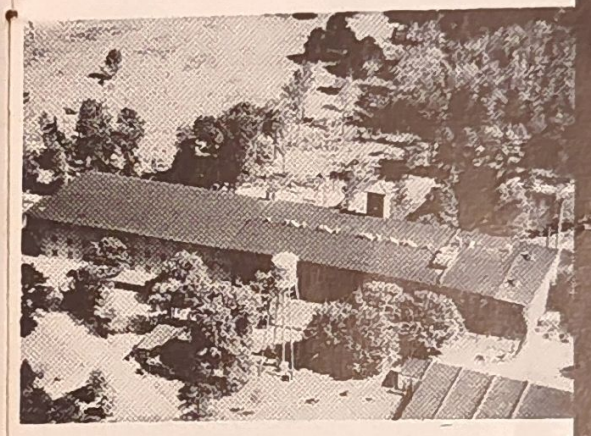
FOR A MORE PROFITABLE PLANT LOCATION,

INVESTIGATE CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

camden's industrial neighbors

Industry in Camden and Kershaw County is exceptionally diversified. All industrial areas are laid out to give a balanced community room for recreation, residential districts, a well-planned business district, and room for industrial growth and expansion.

Industry locating in Camden and Kershaw County will find such neighboring plants as a synthetic fibre plant, a hosiery plant, cotton plants, lumber companies, a bleachery, a cottonseed oil plant, and a packing plant.



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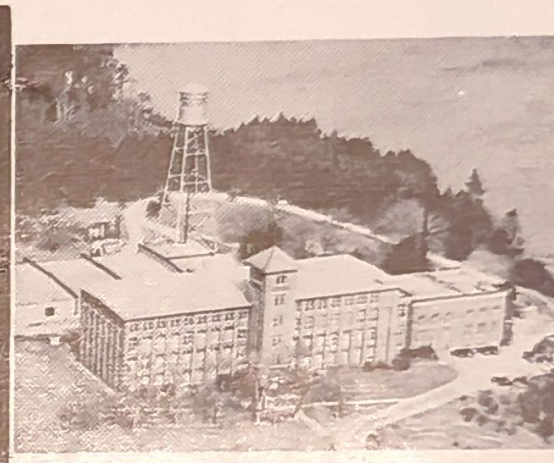

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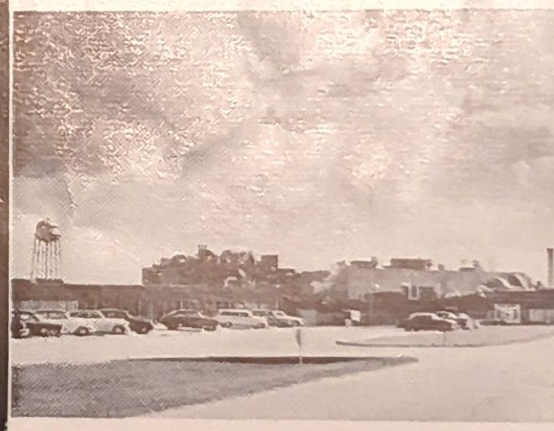

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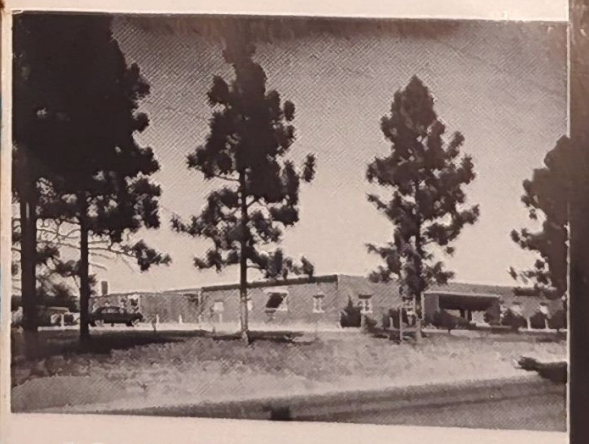


TIC TAC CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

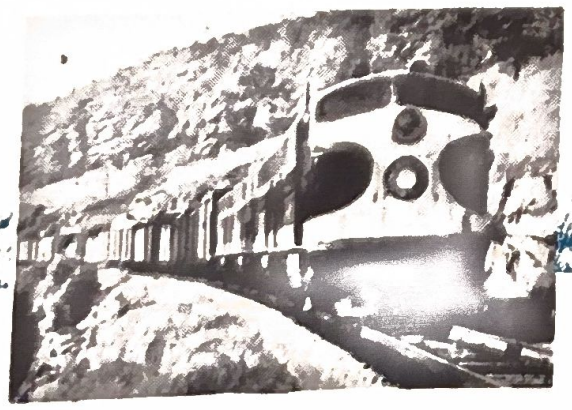
NEW KENDALL FINISHING PLANT

LABOR

Camden and Kershaw County's labor supply is 99.1% native born, cooperative with industry and adaptable to any type of work. Since 1946, the area has shown an increase of 163.3% of available labor.

TRANSPORTATION

Five major highways from all directions form a junction in Camden, making easy access to major metropolitan areas. The Seaboard Airline Railway and the Southern Railroad serve the community; also an Atlantic Greyhound Post House. Nearby Columbia gives access to Eastern Air Lines and Delta Air Lines, and private planes may land at Woodward Field in Camden. Shipping facilities are approximately 125 miles away at the port of Charleston.



FORESTRY

Camden is the Forestry headquarters for Kershaw County, which ranks number one in the State reforestation program.

AGRICULTURE

Major crops are cotton and corn, small grain, soybeans, watermelon and tobacco. Kershaw county is one of the nation's highest ranking counties in watermelon production. Recent years have brought a big increase in improved pasture land and in the raising of beef cattle.

HISTORICAL
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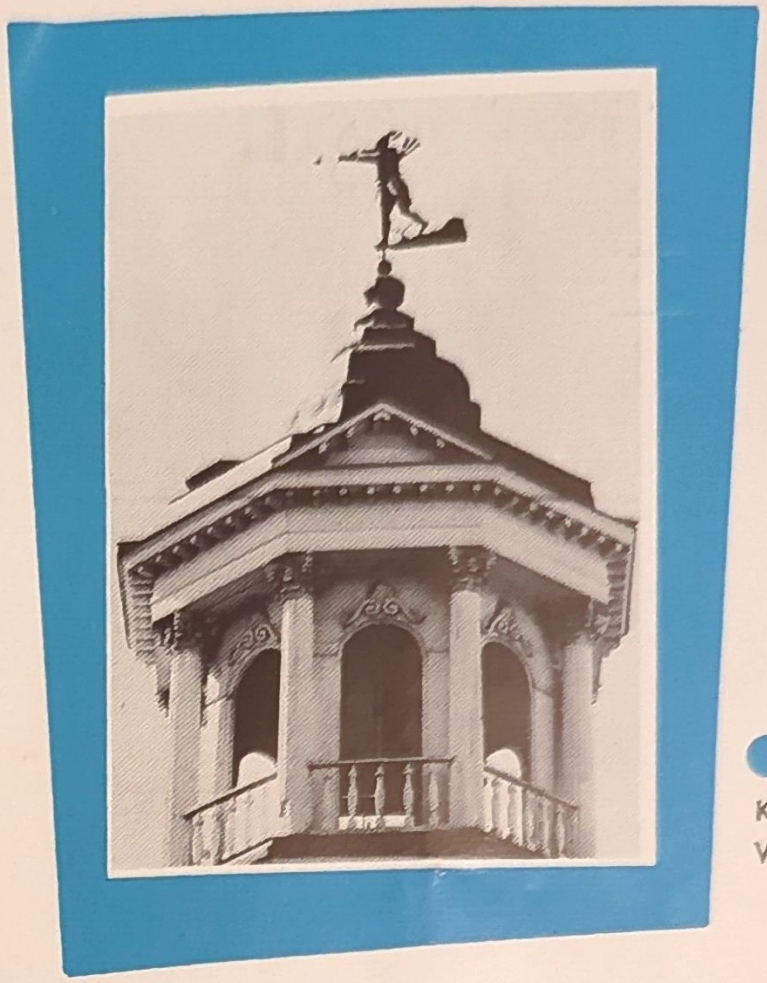
Camden, the county seat of Kershaw County and the oldest inland town in South Carolina, was only a scattered settlement in 1733. Later in 1750, Quakers from Ireland joined the small group and formed the beginnings of a town. About 1774 Joseph Kershaw, for whom the county is named, laid off the streets and squares and named the town after Lord Camden, champion of Colonial Rights.

The town has been a major factor in two wars. During the Revolution, Cornwallis took Camden and made it the principal British garrison in the state. Several battles of this war were fought in and around the town, including the Battle of Camden. The town was never recaptured by the Americans, but was evacuated and burned by the British in 1781.

After the Revolution many people of wealth, culture anl influence began to rebuild the town with beautiful estates. The residential section gradually moved to the hillier district, now known as Kirkwood. In 1802, the town's first church was built, and work was begun on rebuilding the courthouse and jail which had been burned by the British.

During the War Between the States, Camden, an important railroad terminus, was turned into a storehouse for the Confederacy, and a hospital for the wounded. The town produced six famous Confederate Generals, in whose memory a pantheon has been erected in one of the town parks.

The Camden of today, a satisfying combination of modern times and history, still retains many of the landmarks of historical significance — its contribution to the building of this country.



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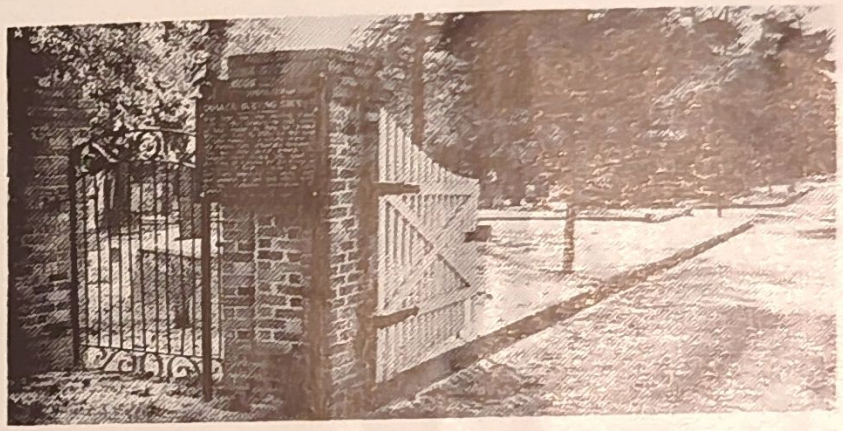
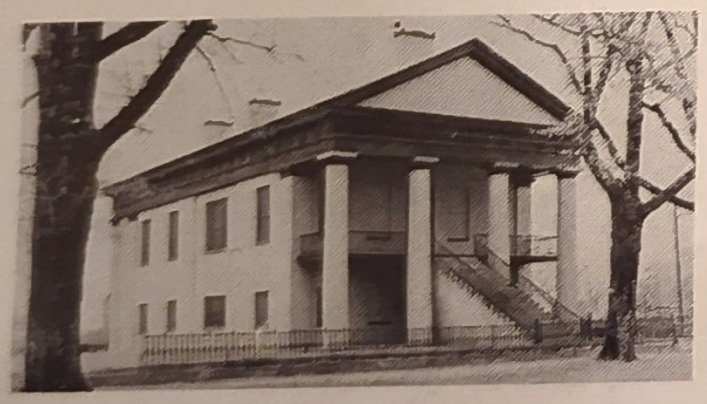
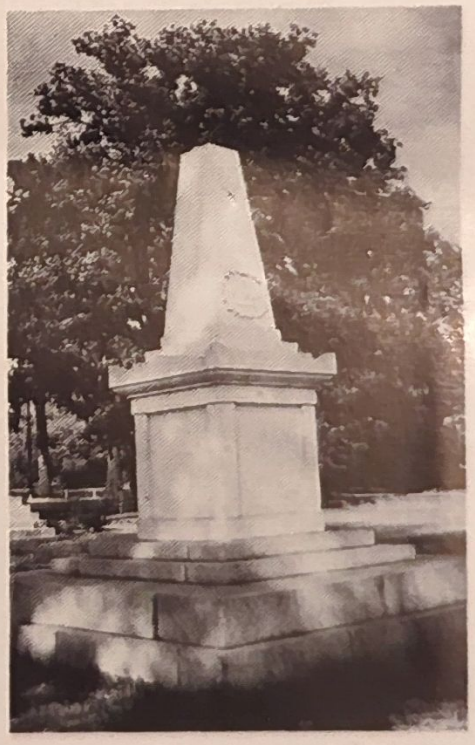


Quaker Cemetery

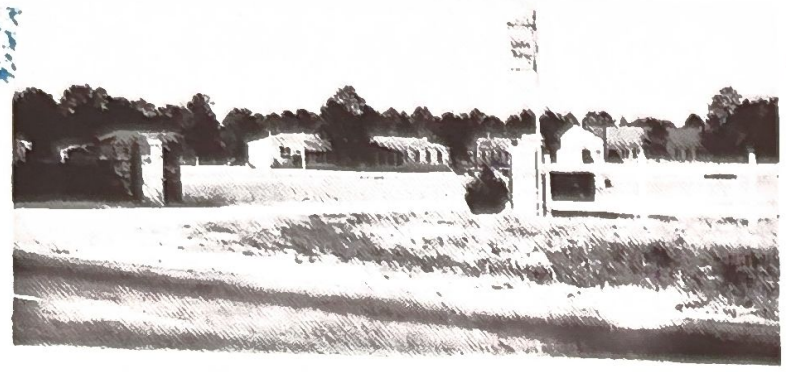


Old Court House (designed by Robert Mills)

Pantheon to Confederate Generals



DeKalb Monument



CAMDEN ACADEMY

The Camden Academy, a semi-military school with grades from 6 through 12 and 1 year post graduate, is highly recognized for superior scholastic standards.

EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

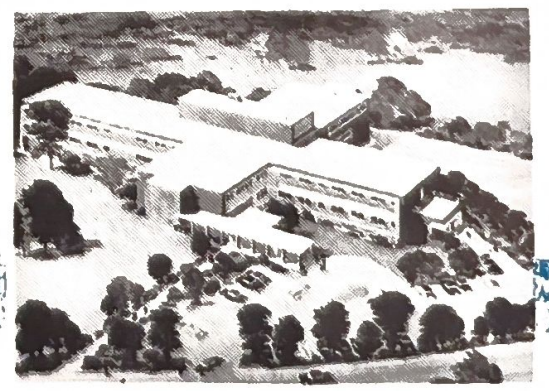
The Camden school system includes public elementary, junior high and high schools, which are well distributed in the town and throughout the outlying rural districts.

CHURCHES

All major denominations such as Baptist, Catholic, Episcopalian, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and others, are represented in Camden. Some have great historical interest, such as the Bethesda Presbyterian Church designed by Robert Mills.

HOSPITAL

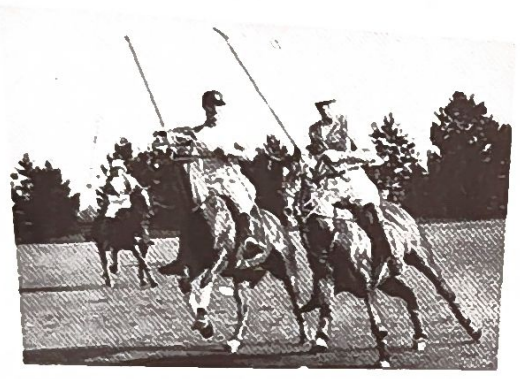
The present Camden Hospital serves the surrounding areas as well as the town of Camden. Bernard Baruch, who was born in Camden, gave this hospital in memory of his father, Simon Baruch, who performed the first successful operation for perforated appendix. The new one and one-half million dollar Kershaw County Hospital shown below is now under construction. When completed it will be an efficient, modern 114-bed unit designed to match the needs of this growing, progressive area.



a center of... sports activity!

Camden has both flat racing and steeplechase, and has been the training and testing grounds for some of the finest horses in the racing world. The famous Carolina Cup Races are run here annually and have been for the past 24 years.

Some of the nation's finest polo is played in Camden where many well-known polo stars have played over the years. The Camden polo field is one of the oldest in the South.



For the golfer, Camden Country Club has a splendid 18-hole course. Grass greens were laid out by Donald Ross and there is a beautiful new, spacious club house built among the long-leaf pines.

Fishing in the Wateree Lake is very popular. Pickerel, big-mouth bass, small-mouth bass, rock bass and white bass, perch and crappie are caught in these waters.

Wateree Lake is a recreation area near Camden and offers not only fishing, but boating, boat races and water skiing.

KERSHAW COUNTY PARK

Swimming, picnicking, boating and camping facilities, fishing. Duck Sanctuary.

Where families go for wholesome pleasant recreation. Spacious bath houses with canteen accommodations.

a gentle climate for work or play...

CLIMATE
(U. S. Weather Bureau)

Annual Average Precipitation	50.11
Mean Annual Temperature	63.0
Mean January Temperature	46.1
Mean July Temperature	81.0
Number of Clear Days	206
Number of Partly Cloudy Days	52
Avg. Number of Growing Days	234
Last Killing Frost Date in Spring	March 22
First Killing Frost Date in Autumn	Nov. 10
Maximum Length of Record	40

RECREATION FACILITIES

7—Playgrounds
6—Public Tennis Courts
1—Soft Ball diamond (lighted)
1—Football Field (lighted)
1—Regulation Baseball diamond (lighted)
3—Youth Baseball diamonds.

CLUBS

There are about 25 of the leading service, civic and social clubs having Chapters in Camden—as well as patriotic and veteran organizations.

HOTELS & MOTELS

HOTELS—Court Inn (November through May)
Sarsfield Hotel
Camden Hotel
MOTELS—Wateree Motel
Royal Motel
Mayview Motel
Airport Tourist Court

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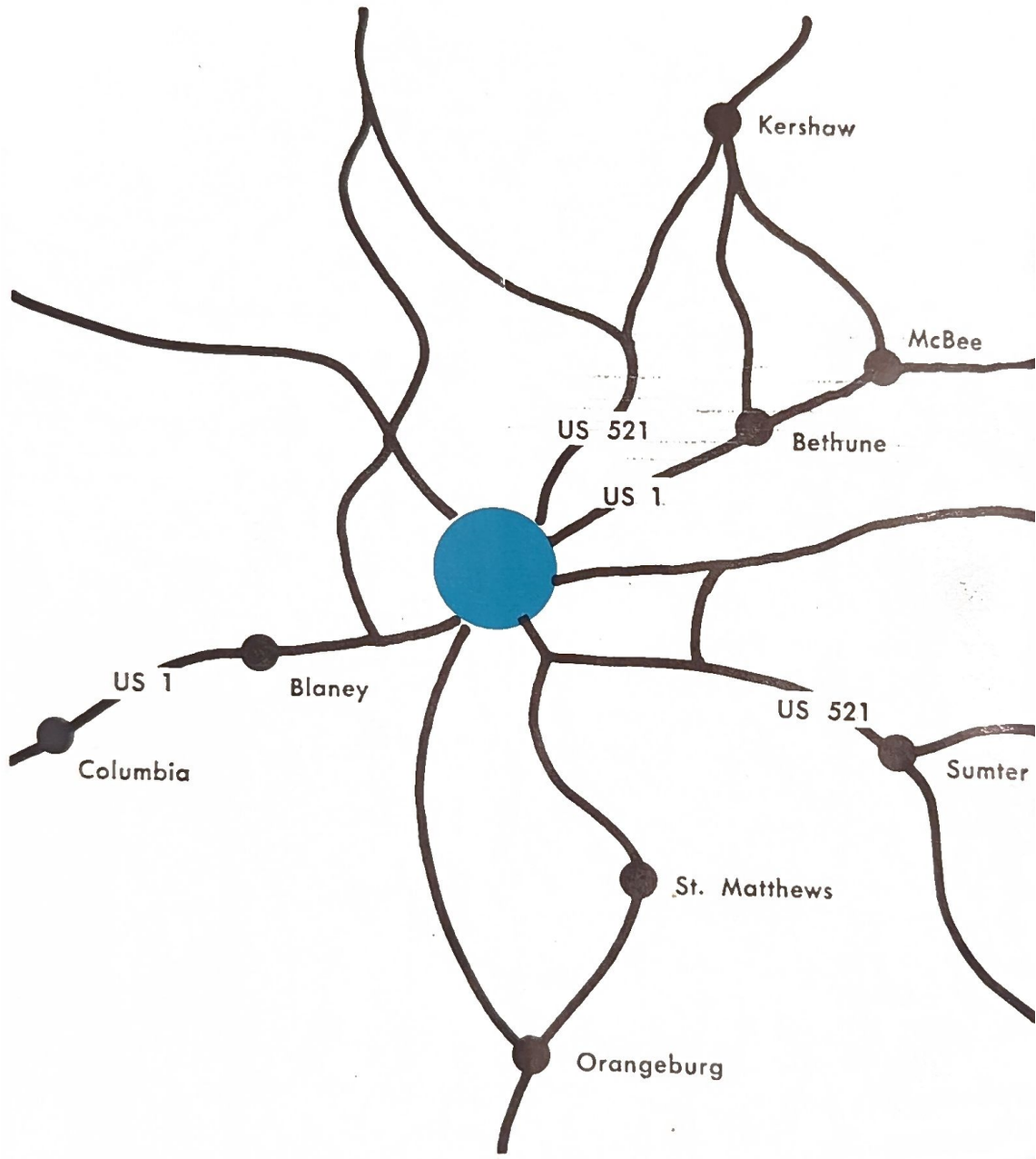

Camden is located in the center of the State, within 150 miles of all major towns in South Carolina and southern North Carolina. Camden is 32 miles from Columbia, the capital of South Carolina and one of the state's largest cities.

We welcome you to Camden and Kershaw County!

For information or assistance,

Write :

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